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DEFENSE FOR SECRETARY SCHLESINGER FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MOD MASON'S INVITATION TO SECRETARY SCHLESINGER

1. I AM DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT ROY MASON HAS ASKED YOU TO VISIT ENGLAND SOMETIME DURING WEEK SEPTEMBER 22-26. I URGE STRONGLY THAT YOU ACCEPT AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU HERE.
2. ANNE AND I WOULD LIKE RACHEL AND YOU TO BE OUR GUESTS AT THE RESIDENCE FOR THE VISIT.
3. BECAUSE ROY MASON WISHES YOU TO MEET PM, CALLAGHAN, HEALEY ET AL, MOD IS MOST ANXIOUS TO HAVE A VISIT COMMITMENT WITH SPECIFIC DATES DURING WEEK 22-26 SEPTEMBER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE BRITISH ARE AWARE OF YOUR INVITATION TO VISIT PARIS. WE ARE REMINDED BY MOD THAT THE LABOR PARTY CONFERENCE STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 29 IMPOSES EXTRA BURDENS ON SENIOR CABINET MINISTERS DURING THE WEEK PRECEDING THE PARTY CONFERENCE. HENCE MASON'S CONCERN THAT HE CAN'T "FIX YOU UP PROPERLY" UNLESS HE HEARS FROM YOU SOONEST.

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